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RAYTHEON COMES TO MAINE

Plans to build a semiconductor plant in Lewiston that will eventually employ more than 2,000 persons and bring to the area an annual payroll of \$7 to \$8 million were announced July 1 by Charles F. Adams, president of Raytheon Company.

The specially-designed, 140,000 square foot production plant will be operated by the electronics firm's Semiconductor Division in addition to its present laboratories and plants in Massachusetts in

order to meet the expanding production requirements of the division.

According to Harvey J. Finison, Raytheon's Semiconductor Division Manager, construction for the new plant will start early this fall and will be completed by mid-1960. The structure, basically a single story building, will be located on the Maine Turnpike three miles south of Lewiston.

Transistors, diodes and rectifiers will be manufactured in the new plant. These

tiny components are finding increasing applications in electronics equipment ranging from hearing aids and auto radios to giant computers, radar and missiles.

When full capacity is achieved, the plant is expected to employ more than 2,000 workers. Less than 100 supervisory, engineering, and technical employees will be transferred from existing semiconductor plants in Massachusetts.

Staffing of the new plant will start as soon as construction is completed with employee build-up planned to be accomplished over the succeeding 24 months. Women will comprise 80% of the new plant's employee roster.

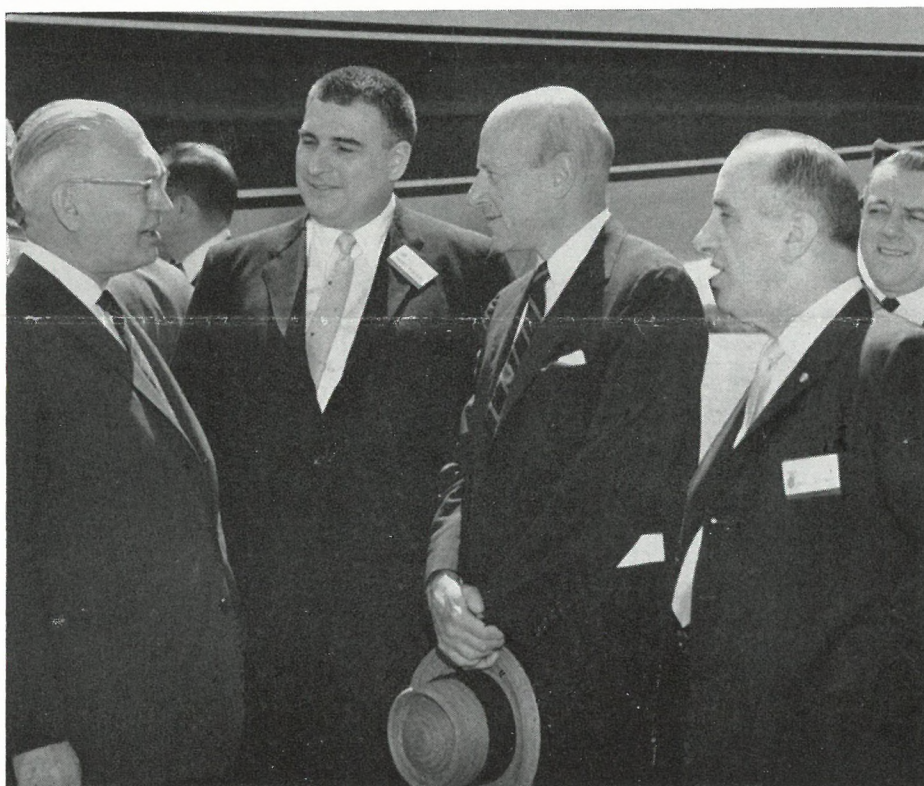
Designers of the plant have planned it to be compatible with the woodland setting of the area. The long, low building of native brick and masonry is styled to complement nearby hills.

The site for the new plant was selected by Raytheon after long and detailed studies arranged by Fred A. Clough Jr., then commissioner of the Maine Department of Economic Development, and Sam Michael, director of Lewiston's Industrial Development Department.

At one time as many as seven separate teams of investigators were studying various aspects of the communities under consideration. DED's Industrial Division personnel worked with them; its Research and Planning Division provided maps, statistics.

Commenting on his company's decision to build the new plant in Maine, Raytheon President Charles F. Adams said, "Our surveys indicate the availability of men and women who are actually or potentially qualified for these types of work who are now living in the Lewiston-Auburn area. This section offers pleasant living conditions and the advantages of Maine as a recreational area are well known. Legislative and governmental attitudes and the general business climate are also encouraging.

"The extremely small size and light weight of the products we plan to manufacture here makes transportation to our customers a simple matter. We are looking forward to enjoying the advantages that Maine offers."



Arriving at the Lewiston-Auburn airport July 1 via the latest Fairchild turbo-prop aircraft, Raytheon officials were officially welcomed to Maine. Above, left to right, are Governor Clinton A. Clauson, Harvey J. Finison, Raytheon Semiconductor Division Manager, President of Raytheon, Charles F. Adams, Sam Michael, Lewiston's Industrial Development Director, and Lewiston Mayor Romeo E. Boisvert.

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BPW PLAQUES

Seven Maine communities have been publicly commended by the Department of Economic Development for their year-long efforts to improve working and living conditions within their borders.

Handsome engraved bronze plaques, mounted on natural finished Maine wood, were presented to representatives of the seven communities in a special ceremony at the annual banquet of the Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs in Ogunquit. BPW members "sparked" the improvement efforts in local communities throughout the state.

The city of Lewiston was the winner among the larger cities with the award for the next division, communities of from 10 to 20 thousand, going to Westbrook. Rockland and Skowhegan tied for first place in the five to ten thousand class and each received plaques.

Among the communities with populations of two to five thousand, Lincoln was the winner and Union took the plaque for the finest effort among the smallest towns.

The award to an area development association or committee went to the Knox County Industrial and Development Association, Rockland.

Promotion Material Distributed Widely

As part of its State of Maine promotion, the Department of Economic Development has distributed hundreds of booklets, folders and other material advertising Maine to organizations for use at national and regional conventions this year.

Maine booklets and photos have been used by the Maine representative at the Army Information School, Fort Slocum, New York, in connection with a closed circuit television program produced there.

To The Citizens of Maine

By Fred A. Clough, Jr.

This will be the last opportunity that I shall have to communicate with you through the medium of "Maine Progress." During the past 32 months that it has been my privilege to serve as Commissioner of Economic Development, I have found that this particular state agency means all things to all people. This attitude is certainly understandable when we consider that the law establishing this department in 1955 made provision for the administration of a large segment of Maine's basic economy with the establishment of five major divisions within the department. I believe we all recognize that the major area of attention and the activity that the spotlight of public opinion is most constantly beamed at is our industrial development division. However, the people in Maine should be ever aware that this is only one phase of the Department of Economic Development program, to which only approximately 20% of our entire budget is allotted. Our divisions of vacation travel, geology, research and planning, and publicity and public relations, are certainly equally important to the establishment of a broader economic foundation for the people of Maine.

I look with pride on the accomplishments of the past 2½ years, and such highlights come to mind as the establishment of our Maine Information Center in Montreal; the 1958 tour of the Society of Industrial Realtors; the location of 62 new firms and 55 expansions of existing firms; the excellent results realized from our aeromagnetic geological surveys. But, these are the types of efforts that have attracted public notice in the press and, although are more spectacular, are perhaps no more important than has been the establishment of 87 planning boards and a carefully administered program of professional planning involving annual expenditures of \$2½ million of federal, state and local money at the municipal and local level.

As I leave state service, I want to express my heartfelt appreciation for the understanding support and cooperation that has been extended to our department efforts by communities, industry, public information media, organizations and individuals. My tour of duty as Commissioner of Economic Development will always remain a cherished memory.

State Departments Boost Maine Fairs

The Department of Economic Development, Department of Agriculture and the Maine Association of Agricultural Fairs have joined forces in a program to boost Maine agricultural fairs and the vacation industry.

An illustrated brochure has been prepared by Roy E. Symons, Secretary of the Fair Association, with the Department of Agriculture and the Fair Association sharing printing costs. The DED is publicizing the brochure and, in cooperation with the Maine Publicity Bureau, distributing 25 thousand copies to travel agencies in the United States, Canada, and abroad.

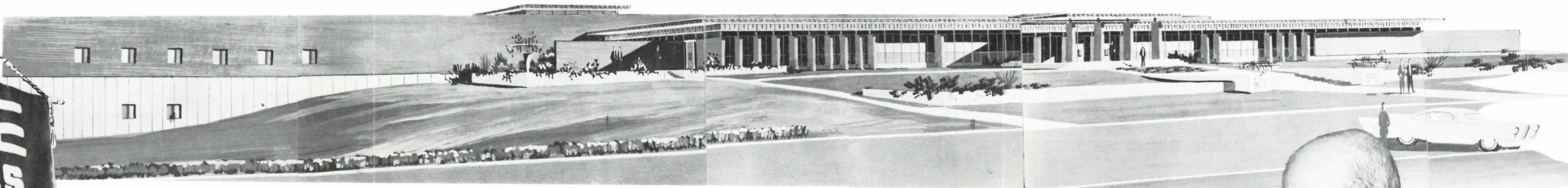
The folder contains descriptive matter and a list of locations and dates of 25 fairs to be held in 14 Maine counties from August 3 to October 15, this year.

Increase In Vacation-Travel Predicted

A normal increase is expected in Maine's vacation-travel business this season, Robert O. Elliot, Director, Division of Recreation, believes.

According to the National Association of Travel Organizations, "1959 will be one of the best travel years in history. Maine should share in this business," said Elliot and added, "several current industry factors support this prediction. Maine is presently keeping in step with the nation-wide trend for the family-type outdoor vacation. We are now able to offer more and better camping facilities than ever before."

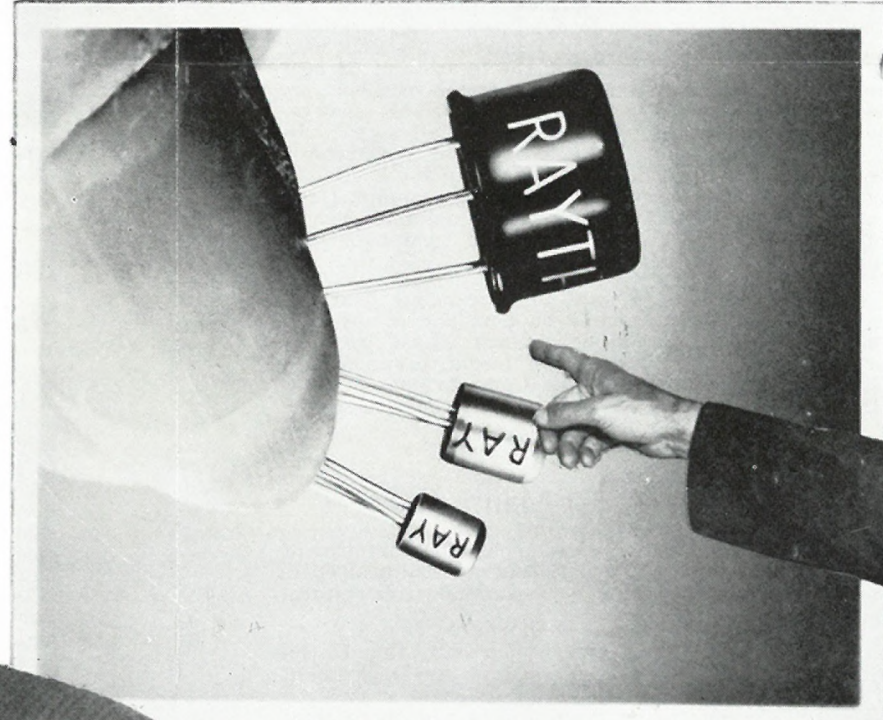
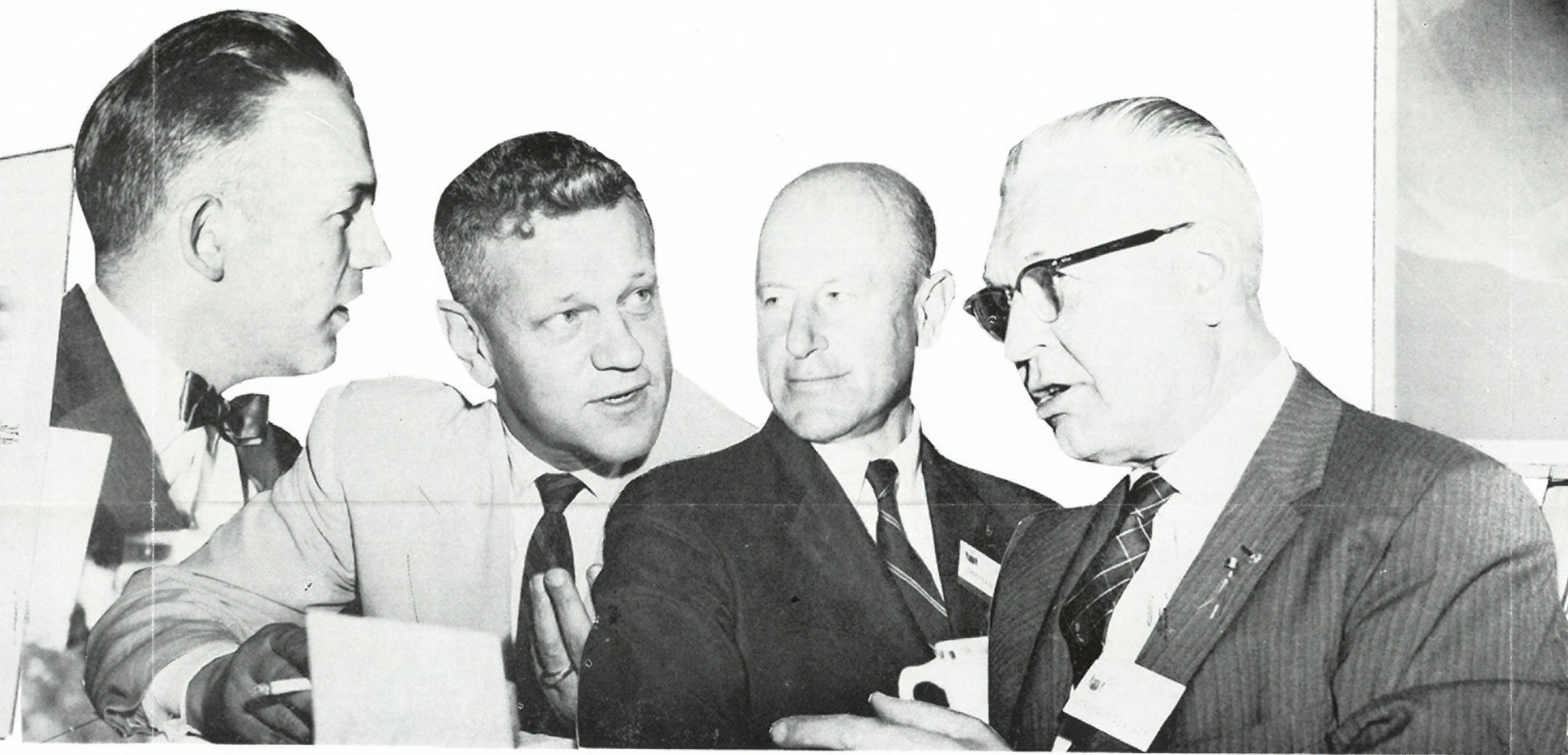
"During the past year, there has been some degree of development and improvement in practically every phase of Maine's vacation-travel industry," Elliot states. "All of these things serve as an attraction to the prospective vacationer for each contributes towards offering the Maine visitor a bigger and better vacation package than ever before."



Below—Harvey J. Finison, Raytheon's Semiconductor Division Manager, describes Lewiston's new plant and the applications and future of transistors. In the foreground are Governor Clinton A. Clauson, left, and Sam Michael, Lewiston Industrial Development Director.

Above—Architect's drawing of Raytheon's new 140,000 square foot plant for Lewiston, will become reality next year when officials expect construction to be completed. The modern structure will be basically a one-story, brick faced building, with complete air conditioning and in some areas electrostatically cleaned to safeguard the tiny transistor parts. Products of the plant will consist of silicon

and germanium transistors, diodes and rectifiers which have widespread application in hearing aids, computers, radar, missiles and other electronic devices. Situated three miles from downtown Lewiston at the southeast corner of the Maine Turnpike and Lisbon Road intersection, the attractive plant will blend with the woodlands and hills of the area.



Raytheon President Charles F. Adams explains tiny transistors to be made in Lewiston plant.



Above, left to right, Frank M. Coffin, Congressman 2nd District, Fred A. Clough Jr., Charles F. Adams, and Governor Clinton A. Clauson hold an informal discussion at the Welcome Raytheon Luncheon.

Right—Raytheon's official welcome to Maine on July 1 began with the arrival at the Lewiston-Auburn airport where company executives were greeted by Governor Clinton A. Clauson, Lewiston Industrial Development

Director Sam Michael, then Commissioner of Economic Development, Fred A. Clough, Jr., and Lewiston Mayor Romeo T. Boisvert. Charles F. Adams, Raytheon President, received official state greetings from the Governor. The group then travelled by motorcade to a lobster luncheon a-la-Raytheon at the Hotel DeWitt, Lewiston, where, as part of the formal welcome exercises, Adams was made an honorary citizen of Maine with the presentation of a special plaque from the Governor.



Ribbon-cutting ceremonies opening the State of Maine Information Center, Queen Elizabeth Hotel, Montreal, were officialized with the welcoming of Governor Clinton A. Clauson, left, by Montreal Mayor Sarto Fournier.

Maine's Travel Center Opened In Montreal

Montreal's Mayor Sarto Fournier became an honorary citizen of the State of Maine June 10.

The title, with all its rights and privileges, was bestowed at an international luncheon at the Queen Elizabeth following the ceremony of opening the new Maine Information Center in that hotel. Tangible evidence of Mayor Fournier's Maine "citizenship" was in the form of a handsome bronze seal of the Pine Tree State, mounted on a natural wood shield, with the title of citizenship engraved in bronze.

In a brief 11:30 ceremony that morning, the ribbon was cut at the entrance of the Maine information center on the lower level of the Queen Elizabeth. Following that exercise 125 guests gathered in the MacKenzie Room for a Maine Hotel Association reception followed by a State of Maine luncheon in the Joliet Room.

Those attending represented the Canadian Provincial and Dominion governments, the American state and national governments, tourist travel agencies on both sides of the border, rail, air and bus lines, chambers of commerce, boards of trade, hotel associations, and others.

Maine's Commissioner of Economic Development, Fred A. Clough Jr., presided at the luncheon. Seated with him at the head table were: Hon. Clinton A. Clauson, Governor of Maine; Montreal Mayor, the Hon. Sarto Fournier; Hon. Daniel Johnson, Minister of Hydraulic Resources, representing Maurice L. Duplessis, Premier of the Province of Quebec; Monsignor Theodore Mooney; J. M. McAvity, President, Canadian Tourist Association; Alan Field, Director, Canadian Government Travel Bureau; Roland Patenaude, Tourist Information Chief for the Province of Quebec in Montreal; Jerome Theodore Gaspard, Consul General for the United States of America; Donald M. Mumford, general manager of the Queen Elizabeth.

Harold S. Brook Appointed DED Planning Associate

Harold S. Brook, former Research and Development Laboratory Supervisor for Saco-Lowell Shops, Biddeford, has been appointed Planning Associate, DED Research and Planning Division. Previous to his post with Saco-Lowell, Brook was with the Research and Development Division, Burlington Industries, Lawrence, Mass., and Plant Superintendent of Somersworth Textile, Somersworth, N. H. Also Plant Superintendent of Demetre, Sault & Cieriez, Ltd., St. Jean, P. Q., Canada.

As Planning Associate, Brook will compile information regarding transportation, public utilities and other data necessary to in-state and prospective Maine industry and will serve as liaison between industry and the DED Research and Planning Division and Industrial Development Division.

Brook now resides in Sanford with his wife and five children.

Robert G. Doyle Named Maine State Geologist

Robert G. Doyle has been named as Maine State Geologist, effective July 1 with the resignation of John R. Rand. Doyle came to the Department of Economic Development after field service in South America in both oil well exploration and in lead mining. He has also been superintendent of a lead mine and a domestic staff geologist for the St. Joseph Lead Co.

Doyle's program for the Geological Survey Division of DED will include geologic mapping; publication of new and required material; promotion; advisory service to industry and the public and development of attitudes favorable to mining.

A native of Boston, Doyle is a graduate of Harvard University.

John R. Rand Resigns As State Geologist

The Department of Economic Development has announced the resignation of John R. Rand, Maine State Geologist.

Rand, the state's first full-time Geologist, and Secretary of the Maine Mining Bureau, has terminated his state service to return to private practice as a geologic consultant.

Appointed to office in early 1956, Rand has devoted major attention to the establishment of the Maine Geological Survey as a centralized information agency on Maine geology; and to rewriting the Maine mining laws to bring about more practicable operation.

Rand is a director of the Copper Range Co., White Pine Copper Co. and Big Sandy Company, the last concerned with coal. He will maintain a consulting office at 67 State Street, Augusta, beginning July 1.

Comm. Clough Joins Oxford Paper Co. In High P. R. Post

Fred A. Clough Jr., recently resigning his post as Commissioner of DED, has been made Assistant Director of Public Relations with Oxford Paper Co. His resignation which took effect July 3, was prompted by the desire to return to private industry.

Clough said he is grateful for the opportunity to head DED for the past 2 and one-half years. He expressed appreciation of "the support that has been extended our department by government, communities, organizations, industry and individuals which has resulted in the establishment of a solid foundation for Maine to continue to build on in the future."

Governor Clinton A. Clauson accepting Clough's resignation with "deep regrets," said, "the work he has accomplished and the prospects that have been developed under his leadership have come at great personal sacrifice."

Previous to his appointment to head DED, Clough was Maine Director of the U. S. Brewers Foundation, a WWII fighter pilot and later Maine service officer for the American Legion.

A Lewiston native, he is a graduate of Bates College, married and has five children.

New Houlton Industry

The J. L. Putnam Co., maker of ball-type industrial valves, has begun operations in Houlton employing 10 people at the start with an additional 20 expected to be hired.

Operations at the Houlton factory are now confined to machining and assembly, but company spokesmen indicate plans are underway for a foundry to cast the valves locally.